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1. FOLLOWING IS BRIEF OF THE CONCLUSIONS OF NIE 11-8/1 APPROVED BY USIB 21 SEPTEMBER:

a. WE NOW ESTIMATE PRESENT SOV ICBM STRENGTH IN THE RANGE OF 10 TO 25 LAUNCHERS FROM WHICH MISSILES CAN BE FIRED AGAINST US. THIS FORCE NOT LIKELY TO INCREASE MARKEDLY IN MONTHS IMMEDIATELY AHEAD. ESTIMATE USSR NOW HAS ABOUT 250 TO 300 OPERATIONAL LAUNCHERS EQUIPPED WITH SEVEN HUNDRED AND ELEVEN HUNDRED MILE BALLISTIC MISSILES. BULK OF MRBM LAUNCHERS ARE IN RANGE OF NATO TARGETS. ICBM AND MRBM LAUNCHERS PROBABLY HAVE SUFFICIENT MISSILES TO PROVIDE A RELOAD CAPACITY AND FIVE AFTER PERIOD OF SOME HOURS.

b. LOW PRESENT FORCE LEVEL PROBABLY RESULT OF SOV DECISION TO DEPLOY ONLY SMALL FORCE OF CUMBERSOME FIRST GENERATION ICBM AND TO PRESS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SMALLER SECOND GENERATION SYSTEM. SOV ICBM STRENGTH NOT LIKELY TO INCREASE SUBSTANTIALLY UNTIL NEW MISSILE READY FOR USE, PROBABLY SOMETIME SECOND HALF OF

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1962. WE ESTIMATE FORCE LEVEL OF 75 TO 125 OPERATIONAL ICBM LAUNCHERS IN MID-1963.

2. USAF ONLY USIB AGENCY TO DISSENT FROM NUMBERS SPECIFIED. USAF BELIEVES MID-1961 ICBM FIGURE IS ABOUT 50, MID-1963 ABOUT 250.

3. [redacted] CONTRIBUTION AND DRAFT NIE 11-8/1 SENT IN POUCH NUMBER 0-185 ON 16 SEPT. 25X1

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